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SUBJECT: CABLE HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 29

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS 0800-1530, SEPTEMBER 29.

1. BOTSWANA ALARMED AT KAUNDA-SMITH MEETING

BOTSWANA PRESIDENT KHAMA REPORTEDLY HEARD OF THE SMITH-KAUNDA MEETING WITH "STUNNED SURPRISE AND APPREHENSION." PRESIDENTIAL PRIVATE SECRETARY LEGWAILA COMMENTED THAT NO OTHER FRONTLINE PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE HELD SUCH A MEETING WITHOUT CONSULTING THE OTHERS. LEGWAILA BELIEVES THE UK/US INITIATIVE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL MIGHT BE UNDERMINED IF THE MEETING SHOULD BECOME KNOWN. (GABORONE 2388, SECRET/EXDIS)

2. ZANU DELEGATION IN WEST AFRICA

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A ZANU DELEGATION VISITING WEST AFRICA EXPLAINS THAT THEIR MISSION IS TO PRESENT SITHOLE'S HOPES OF BRINGING TOGETHER THE SEVERAL RHODESIAN LIBERATION GROUPS. THE GROUP CLAIMS THAT GHANA'S ACHEAMPONG BELIEVES THE OAU'S DECISION TO BACK THE PATRIOTIC FRONT (PF) IS A MISTAKE, AND ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD UNITE IN A COMMON

FRONT. THE ZANU GROUP DOES NOT KNOW HOW THE PF VIEWS SITHOLE'S EFFORTS, AND SAYS THAT SITHOLE HAS ACCEPTED AND ENDORSED THE UK/US INITIATIVE. (ABIDJAN 9570, CONFIDENTIAL)

3. CONTINUED SAKHAROV TROUBLES

ACCORDING TO AN UNCONFIRMED RUMOR, SAKHAROV'S BROTHER-IN-LAW DIED ABOUT A WEEK AGO UNDER HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. EVEN THOUGH SAKHAROV'S SISTER HAD TRIED TO AVOID PUBLICITY, THE EMBASSY IS SURPRISED THAT THE STORY, IF TRUE, COULD BE KEPT QUIET SO LONG. SAKHAROV HAS REQUESTED A SEPTEMBER 30 MEETING WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER. (MOSCOW 14261, 14262, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

4. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR ON PRC, US

INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO SINGAPORE TASNING SAYS THAT INDONESIA WILL PROBABLY ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC WITHIN TWO YEARS. HE ALSO STATES THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH KOREA WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH INDONESIAN FOREIGN POLICY. (SINGAPORE 4289, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. GREEK-CYPRIOT SOLIDARITY

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PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU RECEIVED AN UNUSUALLY WARM WELCOME IN ATHENS WHEN HE STOPPED EN ROUTE TO UNGA FOR HIS FIRST MEETINGS WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT SINCE HIS INAUGURATION. PUBLIC STATEMENTS FOLLOWING THE MEETING STRESSED CONTINUED GREEK-CYPRIOT COOPERATION ON THE HANDLING OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN THE UN AND FULL GREEK SUPPORT FOR THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT. (ATHENS 8935, CONFIDENTIAL)

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